

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 502

By Burchett

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Ms. Linda Walker on the celebration of her 50th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their lives; and

WHEREAS, Linda Walker will celebrate her 50th birthday on January 31, 2002, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, Linda Walker is a highly respected member of the Knoxville community; and

WHEREAS, for 24 years, Linda Walker has served the WIVK radio station with acumen and alacrity, playing an integral part in its continued success and its numerous commendations, including being named the Number One rated Country Music Station in America, and Country Music Station of the Year, on several occasions; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walker is the epitome of integrity and diligence; she has worked her way up the ranks, from Sales Secretary to her current position of Senior Sales Executive; she has earned the respect of her peers, superiors and competitors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, she has served as a mentor to many in Knoxville radio, utilizing her vast experience and wisdom to guide others to professional success; and

WHEREAS, Linda Walker's great compassion and concern for the needs of others led her to begin the WIVK Radiothon, an event which raises thousands of dollars for the Dream Connection Foundation, a foundation that grants wishes to terminally ill children; in 2001 alone, she raised \$70,000 for the Foundation; and

WHEREAS, she is a 20-year member and a past Board Member of the Knoxville Advertising Federation, an organization that promotes the advertising community in Knoxville and East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Linda Walker is an invaluable member of her community, serving the people of Knoxville in various other capacities; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her many accomplishments, Linda Walker remains committed to her family, and provides an excellent example of maintaining family ties while succeeding professionally; and

WHEREAS, Linda Walker is the loving and dedicated mother of two sons, Preston and Bryan, who are successful in the realm of academics as honor students and also excel in athletics as soccer players; and

WHEREAS, we wish to take this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens, who embodies the characteristics of a true Tennessean, on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Ms. Linda Walker on the celebration of her 50th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

